

**REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-4 and 9-15.

Claims 5-8 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Office Action notes that in each of the rejected claims, there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation “the execution pipeline”. In each of claims 5-8 and 16-18, Applicants have revised the claims to supply appropriate antecedent basis. Accordingly, in view of the revisions to claims 5-8 and 16-18, these claims should now be in allowable condition.

In view of this response, claims 1-18 should now be in allowable condition.

**CONCLUSION**

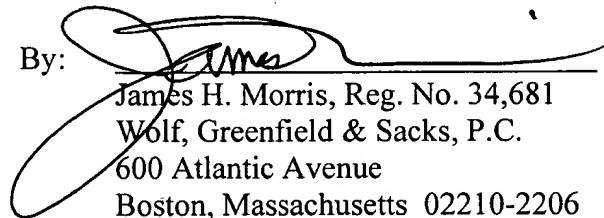
A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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Respectfully submitted,

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